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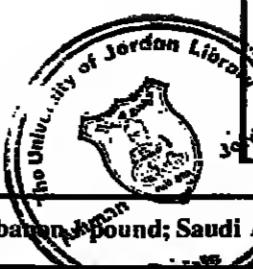
VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul called Wednesday for a resumption of dialogue in Poland amid what Vatican sources described as increasing tension between the Catholic Church and the Polish martial law authorities. Polish Primate Józef Glemp Tuesday called for a visit to the Vatican for the canonisation of a Polish martyr, Maximilian Kolbe, who sacrificed his life at Auschwitz concentration camp in the place of another prisoner. The sources said Archbishop Glemp's decision to miss such an important occasion for the Polish church reflected his and the Pope's mounting concern over the situation in Poland, where the Solidarity free trade union is expected to be officially dissolved on Saturday.

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3 Israeli POWs are in good condition

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The Red Cross has visited three Israeli soldiers Syria captured in the Lebanon war and says they are in good physical condition. Israel's army said Wednesday: But Israel is worried about six other soldiers who went missing in fighting with Syrian forces in eastern Lebanon, an army spokesman said: Israeli officials say Israel is likely to demand a prisoner exchange with Syria as part of any agreement for withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces from Lebanon.

Regan predicts monetary distortion

WASHINGTON (R) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan Wednesday predicted distortions in the closely watched U.S. money-supply figures as a result of a new deposit account banks and savings institutions will soon be offering. Money-supply figures, published each Friday afternoon by the U.S. Central Bank, are seen as key indicators by the financial markets because of the emphasis the Reagan administration has put on restricting money growth to combat inflation. Earlier this week the dollar rose sharply against other major currencies following an unexpected increase in the money supply. This was interpreted by the foreign exchange markets as a sign that high-yielding dollar interest rates would not be cut over the short term.

Bonn regrets U.S. export ban

BONN (R) — Bonn government officials expressed regret but little surprise Wednesday at the Reagan administration's export ban imposed against West German firms supplying equipment for the Soviet gas pipeline to Western Europe. They said the announcement by the U.S. commerce department prohibiting the firms from receiving any U.S. gas and oil technology had been "inevitable" following earlier sanctions against seven other West European firms. The ban followed shipment to the Soviet Union last Friday of turbines made by AEG-Kraus.

Mitterrand starts African visit

PARIS (R) — French President François Mitterrand left Wednesday for a tour of Central Africa during which he will attend a summit conference in Zaire with heads of state of Francophone African countries. He was flying from Paris to Bujumbura, capital of Burundi, and Thursday visits Kigali in Rwanda. Both countries are former colonies but now form part of the French-speaking confederation of African nations. From Kigali he will go onto Kinshasa for the two-day summit and then will visit the Congo Republic before returning to Paris next Tuesday.

Kohl chooses his chief spokesman

BONN (R) — Dietrich Stolze, co-publisher of the political weekly *Die Zeit*, is to be the chief spokesman of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's new centre-right government, informed sources said Wednesday. Mr. Stolze, 53, a prize-winning conservative economic journalist and author, will be appointed secretary of state and head of the Federal government press and information office later this week, the sources said. He replaced Klaus Boehning, who served Social Democratic Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in two spells as spokesman for eight years.

SSC given clean bill of health

AMMAN (Petra) — The Social Security Corporation's (SSC) board Wednesday made a review of the annual actuary report prepared by a British firm on the corporation's activities. The report covers the SSC's investment policies and its obligation towards the beneficiaries over the next 100 years.

'Intellectuals must remove West's misconceptions about Arab cause'

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday stressed the importance of the Euro-Arab dialogue and referred to the common and mutual elements that link Europe with the Arab World economically, historically and culturally.

Addressing the closing session of a Euro-Arab dialogue symposium in Amman Wednesday evening Prince Hassan said that this dialogue should transcend the official level and reach European

and Arab intellectual institutions. "Bridges between European and Arab institutions should be built up for the purpose of removing all erroneous impressions among European, about the Arab cause and for the purpose of further strengthening Euro-Arab relations," Prince Hassan said.

He referred to Europe's vital and important role in contributing to the achievement of a comprehensive Middle East settlement and to the restoration of the rights of the Palestinians who

have suffered a great deal at the hand of Zionists and its aggressive policies and its barbaric massacres in Lebanon."

Prince Hassan called for the end of Israel's invasion of Lebanon and a speedy solution to the Middle East question.

Taking part in the seminar which was opened on Monday under the chairmanship of Prince Hassan were a group of European intellectuals, politicians and economists and members of the Arab Thought Forum.

King sends message to Fahd

BAHRAIN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia Wednesday received a letter from King Hussein of Jordan, who visited Iraq this week following an upsurge in the two-year-old Iraq-Iran War.

The official Saudi Press Agency said a Jordanian envoy handed the letter at a meeting with King Fahd in Jeddah.

It did not reveal the contents of the letter sent after King Hussein had had two days of talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Aid organisation says 25,000 killed in Lebanon

PARIS (R) — A Catholic aid organisation said Wednesday that it estimated 25,000 people had been killed and 50,000 injured in Lebanon since the Israeli invasion started in June this year. At a press conference held at the Caritas Relief Organisation's offices in Paris, Samir Mazzoum, head of Caritas Lebanon, said in addition his organisation believed that 400,000 to 500,000 people were still homeless. Father Mazzoum said the figures of 25,000 dead and 50,000 injured related to the whole of the country. A previous Lebanese official estimate for Beirut alone gave 30,000 dead and injured. He was launching a world-wide appeal for funds from Caritas organisations.

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Lebanese army seals off former PLO strongholds

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese army sealed off former Palestinian strongholds in Beirut's southern suburbs Wednesday as it continued a massive hunt for arms and foreign residents.

Troops set up roadblocks with jeeps and armoured cars and barred all traffic from entering or leaving the area as soldiers moved from house to house.

As the search operation went into its second day, diplomatic sources said the ambassadors of the United States, France and Italy had expressed concern to Lebanon's new president, Amin Gemayel, over illegal arrests of Palestinians and reports of violence against detainees.

The envoys raised the issue on Saturday at a regular meeting with the president, the sources said.

The three countries have provided troops for a multinational peace force sent to help the Lebanese army keep order and protect Palestinian civilians following last month's massacre in Beirut refugee camps.

Several thousand Palestinian refugees are believed to be living in Lebanon without proper documents, or to have lost their papers in this summer's Israeli siege of Beirut.

The sources said President Gemayel had assured the envoys that arrests would be made only by uniformed police and soldiers.

He said the government had to rid Beirut of "undesirable elements" after seven years when the city had been ruled by Palestinian commandos and Lebanese leftist

militias.

The envoys had replied that they recognised the government's right to do this, the sources said.

Wednesday's operation began at dawn in areas where the Italian contingent of the multinational force is deployed, but Italian troops were not seen to take part.

In the badly damaged Bourj Al-Brajneb Palestinian refugee camp and surrounding slum areas, the Italians stayed in their white-painted troop carriers as Lebanese soldiers passed through.

During a similar sweep through Beirut's downtown area Tuesday, French paratroopers manned roadblocks and checked cars for arms.

Italian embassy officials said the Italian troops would not take part in policy work.

In Paris, an external relations ministry spokesman said he rejected the idea that French troops had taken part in a police-type operation in Beirut Tuesday.

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Swedish divers join in to track pirate submarine

BERGA, Sweden (R) — The Swedish navy brought in divers Wednesday to help track a suspected spy submarine which a navy spokesman said is probably bottled up close to the country's main naval base.

Divers went down Wednesday, the sixth day of the hunt, and a further depth charge was dropped after an apparent echo contact with the intruder this morning, navy spokesman Commander Sven Carlsson said.

It was the 18th small 50-kilogram charge dropped since the Swedish government gave orders to the navy to drive the suspect to the surface.

The tracking operation by fast missile patrol boats, minesweepers and helicopters is now concentrated in about 30 square kilometres of the Haarsfjärd, a

stretch of coastal water almost enclosed by a string of islands.

On one of these islands, across the fjord from here, is Muskö naval base with sensitive electronic communications gear-a natural spying target.

The navy spokesman would not comment on an unsourced story in the national daily *Svenska Dagbladet* that a submarine had been pin-pointed in 37 metres of water three kilometres from the base.

The story said the navy planned to damage it with direct hits if it did not surface by Friday.

The affair has recalled for Sweden the traumatic international incident which began a year ago this month when a Soviet submarine ran aground near the Karlskrona naval base in southern Sweden and was eventually escorted to sea by Swedish warships.

U.S.-Soviet negotiators 'discuss how to talk'

GENEVA (R) — The United States and the Soviet Union Wednesday's three-month-old dialogue on curbing strategic arms with a meeting of both delegation heads.

U.S. chief negotiator Edward Rowny met Soviet delegation leader Viktor Karpov at U.S. mission offices on Geneva's Avenue De La Paix (Avenue of Peace).

The first resumed session of their full teams takes place Thursday, with the two sides apparently still at odds on basic issues in the negotiations. The talks adjourned on Aug. 12 for both sides to consult their governments.

Asked why the two men were meeting Wednesday without their delegations, Mr. Karpov said: "Just to start... we should discuss how to talk." Mr. Rowny said: "It's traditional." Neither would make a statement.

Both governments have pledged to keep strictly confidential details of the bargaining around the negotiating table. But Mr. Karpov has publicly rejected what he called a one-sided proposal by President Reagan for cuts focusing on land-based missiles, in which the Soviet Union has a big advantage.

The Soviet leader also fiercely attacked Israel and its U.S. ally.

"The world has quite recently witnessed the crimes of the Israeli military in Lebanon and the use by them of fascist methods of genocide against the long-suffering Palestinian people," Mr. Brezhnev said.

"It is absolutely clear that the Israeli rulers would never have dared take such barbarous actions had they not relied on support from the United States," he added.

Reagan's comments

MOSCOW (R) — President Leonid Brezhnev said Wednesday the United States hoped to win any future East-West conflict by being the first to use atomic weapons in a war and said he still hoped other nuclear powers would follow the Soviet lead.

"Such a chain reaction would be tantamount to prohibiting nuclear weapons altogether," he added.

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King grants amnesty

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday evening ordered an amnesty for all persons and citizens who committed security offences against the state in 1970.

The King said "this step will hopefully serve as an incentive for all to consolidate their steadfastness in the face of our enemies and will help boost all morale and national commitments."

In his message, King Hussein reaffirmed that "our national duties require from us to safeguard law, stability and security for the purpose of building up the nation's power and for achieving further progress for Jordan and for defending our rights".

But he warned that "our duty requires that evil doers should be punished so that security can be preserved and law and order maintained."

The King expressed his "total confidence in the government" and conveyed to the prime minister and the cabinet his greetings, expressing pride in their efforts and in every member of the Jordanian family.

King Hussein referred to the 1967 war and the sufferings which were inflicted on this country which, he said, "continued its steadfastness since then along the longest confrontation lines facing the enemy."

"We are determined to prevent a repetition of any kind of disorder, division or dissension which we had to suffer in the past," the King said.

In implementation of the King's order, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, in his capacity as military governor, Wednesday issued instructions ordering that "all measures against 7,36 persons and citizens who committed security offences in 1970 be halted. Those covered in the amnesty had left Jordan as a result of those events."

Arafat

arrives

in Baghdad

BEIRUT (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Baghdad Wednesday for talks with Iraqi leaders, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

He is touring countries that accepted Palestinian fighters after their withdrawal from Beirut.

Soviet diplomat disappears

RABAT (R) — A high-ranking Soviet diplomat and his family have vanished, and diplomatic sources said Wednesday they may have defected.

Anatoli Bogayev, first secretary at the embassy, his wife and their two children have not been seen since they left their flat in central Rabat on Sept. 22, the sources said. Their car was found a few days ago in a wood near Rabat.

Diplomatic sources said the Bogayev family vanished a few days before Mrs. Bogayev and her two children were due to leave for the Soviet Union.

Soviet diplomats in Rabat have approached Western embassies to enquire about the whereabouts of the Bogayevs, prompting speculation that they might have defected.

Mr. Bogayev, who was working in the political section of the embassy, took up his duties in Rabat last March, they said.

Reagan silences Republican

WASHINGTON (R) — An angry President Reagan Wednesday shouted down a critical fellow Republican by telling him to shut up during a speech in the House of Representatives.

The bitterness of the political warfare over the campaign in Lebanon was highlighted by an angry demonstration in the northern town of Kirkuk Tuesday night.

Mr. Reagan was giving 74 Republican candidates advice on arguments they may use to defend the Republican record on the economy in the Nov. 2 congressional elections.

Gary Arnold, a candidate from California, suddenly leaped to his feet and accused Mr. Reagan of betraying his conservative credentials by pushing through Congress "the biggest tax hike increase" in history, abandoning Taiwan to the Communist Chinese and filling his administration with liberals.

Mr. Reagan, standing about 10 metres away, finally grabbed control with a tongue-lashing that drew a standing ovation from the rest of his audience in the east room of the White House.

"Shut up," he ordered Mr. Arnold. "You don't know what you're talking about."

Mr. Arnold later told reporters his outburst was "a spur-of-the-moment thing."

Egypt remembers Sadat

CAIRO (R) — Egypt remembered its late President Anwar Sadat Wednesday one year after his assassination by Muslim fundamentalists and nine years after he sent Egyptian troops storming across the Suez Canal to drive back the Israeli army.

The anniversary was observed with low-key military parades in five cities accompanied by a torrent of public statements praising Mr. Sadat and what Egyptians call his "October victory".

Mr. Mubarak attended a quiet memorial ceremony at which he laid a wreath on the grave of Mr. Sadat and on the nearby tomb of the unknown warrior close to where the assassination took place.

In a message to the armed forces, President Mubarak said Wednesday he had decided not to mobilise a reserve brigade because of morale problems stemming from opposition to the war in Lebanon.

Usually well-informed Israeli military correspondents have reported that senior Israeli army officers severely criticised Mr. Sadat at two crisis meetings late last month.

Mr. Sadat's latest problems involved remarks he made publicly on Sept. 24 that at one stage he had decided not to mobilise a reserve brigade because of morale problems stemming from opposition to the war in Lebanon.

Israel had proposed that they withdraw simultaneously following the departure of estimated 6,000 Palestinian commandos from northern and eastern Lebanon. But Syria was insisting that the Israeli pull out first, the officials said.

FEATURE

Women and the media: What more could be done

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a shortened version of a report published by the U.N. Branch for the Advancement of Women in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, which convened an expert group in Vienna in Nov. 1981.

In 1972, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women noted that, in all its efforts to promote the advancement of women, it had encountered a serious obstacle in the deep-rooted attitudes of men and women which tended to perpetuate the *status quo*. The Commission also observed that those attitudes were due to cultural patterns which, to a great extent, determined thoughts and feelings about women and men.

In the decade that has elapsed since then, the question of women and the media has been the subject, directly and indirectly, of a number of conferences and meetings held under the auspices of the United Nations. One such meeting – of a group of experts on the subject – was held in Austria in Nov. 1981 by the Advancement of Women Branch of the Vienna-based Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.

In the period 1974-1978, the question of the influence of the mass communication media on the quality of women's lives was included in four regional meetings, held at Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Caracas and Amman. In each instance, a regional plan of action was adopted.

Problems and issues

Certain structures and practices of the contemporary media have presented basic problems for women's participation in, and the realistic portrayal of women by, the media. Issues that must be addressed by those attempting to introduce the appropriate changes in the media include the following:

(b) Women are under-represented in the media, and there is a tendency to identify women workers with low-paying, less creative jobs;

(c) The influence of media on socialisation processes in society has been used primarily to reinforce and establish stereotyped and distorted images of women; mainstream media content is a major source of such distortion;

(d) Media coverage of women as participants in economic activity and the general development process has been blatantly inadequate;

(e) The participation of transnational corporations in the media has had some particularly adverse consequences for women;

(f) The growth in the advertising industry has intensified women's sexual exploitation in promoting sales, and has reinforced their vulnerability as consumers. Advertising has promoted an image of the ideal woman as young and sexually alluring. In many areas, the images of women in advertisements are always of a single race, even of ethnically diverse societies; this has tended to devalue women of other races and older women;

(g) Women's view-point on "non-feminine" and non-familial issues of global importance – such as unemployment and the threat of nuclear war – has not been sufficiently explored or represented by the media;

(h) Women have not realised the potential of the media in extending and deepening their quest for equality and dignity;

(i) The role of traditional media in perpetuating sex stereotypes, thereby hindering women's progress, has been neglected;

(j) Women's low skill attainment in communication technology has impeded their progress towards equitable participation in the media;

(k) Women's groups and other community organisations should promote democratisation of the mass media by encouraging public participation in media decision-making and in the creation of new structures to facilitate such public participation. These groups should also keep informed about new communication technologies, to ensure their democratic use;

(l) Women's groups and groups of media workers should assess their own resources in light of those needed to set up new media networks using newsletters, magazines, films, tapes, cassettes etc., as well as folk-based media forms. Potential sources of funding and technical support should be identified. In such endeavours, emphasis must be placed on evolving a distinctive media approach which would not work towards equating roles of women and men in society;

(m) Editors and media organisers should ensure that programmes directed at women are broadened from issues related exclusively to their status within the family and

women in the alternative and mainstream media, members of the audience and researchers;

Media content

(a) Women's organisations and community groups should monitor programmes, advertising and writing to determine if they present a stereotyped image of women's and men's roles;

(b) Audience members, media professionals and women's and consumer groups should read, listen, and view media critically and oppose vigorously those presentations which run counter to women's dignity and equality, by writing letters to media organisations and advertisers, boycotting products advertised in a sexist manner, telephoning media decision-makers to discuss these issues, and working together with other groups engaged in similar endeavours. They should also communicate the success or failure of their efforts to the community at large;

(c) Media programming that promotes women's equality should be supported by women's and community groups, and letters should be sent to relevant media decision-makers to encourage the continuation of such programming;

(e) Women's groups should organise seminars and assemblies among local audiences to promote awareness of discrimination against women in media portrayal and employment;

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(h) Editors and media organisers should ensure that programmes directed at women are broadened from issues related exclusively to their status within the family and

for their equal integration in the community;

(i) Women's organisations should establish a dialogue with mainstream media decision-makers, including advertisers, to acquaint them with the precepts of the women's movement;

Women's participation in the media

(i) Women media workers should regularly review trends in recruitment, promotion, training and work conditions in all job categories in the media, and identify and highlight cases of discrimination or negligence. Appropriate support facilities, such as child-care centres and flexible working hours, should be demanded;

(j) Women media workers should participate in all professional groups, unions etc., and, where necessary, from women's caucuses to ensure that women's needs are addressed by such organisations and that women have access to leadership positions in those organisations;

B. Action at the media organisation level

Media content

(a) Media decision-makers should continuously evaluate media content in terms of norms and values which perpetuate stereotypes of sex, and identify those images which fail to reflect the actual conditions of both sexes and distort the emerging reality of women's progress towards equality;

(b) Managers of news and current affairs releases should re-examine values relating to news in the media, specifically to assess the news-value of women's activities and aspirations, and also to highlight the impact on women of such general developments in the world as changes in credit policy and foreign aid. The placement of news should be determined according to subject matter and not by sex. News relating to women should be treated with dignity and accuracy, and in line with the changing roles of women and men in society;

(c) Editors and media organisers should ensure that programmes directed at women are broadened from issues related exclusively to their status within the family and

to their sexuality, to include scientific, technological, economic, political and cultural developments in the world. At the same time, issues hitherto categorised as "women's issues" should be integrated with other issues so that the need for categorisation of women's interests separately is eliminated;

(d) Media producers should liaise with development agencies to ensure adequate and appropriate media coverage of women's contribution to development, and accurate depiction of their participation in programmes related to employment, education, health etc.;

(e) Decision-makers in the media should identify and eliminate media practices which draw inviolable distinctions between women and men – e.g. the inclusion of irrelevant personal details in media portrayals of sex, age, marital status, physical appearance and religion – and the use of gender designations in some languages;

C. Action at the national level

Media content

(a) Governments, media organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), including women's organisations, should develop media materials and programmes designed to promote women's aspirations for equality, dignity, self-determination and responsible participation in the mainstream development process of their countries. In this manner, current practices such as the portrayal of women as an ever-available, docile and cheap labour force would be eliminated;

(b) Media organisations should develop in-house guidelines for the regular monitoring of indigenous and imported programmes to ensure that they portray a realistic image of women, that incomplete, distorted or falsified information about women is not presented, and that there is no exploitation of women's sexuality;

D. Action at the international level

Media content

(a) Governments, media organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), including women's organisations, should provide women media professionals with special training in all aspects of communication media, to reduce their dependency and to enable them to re-orient the media towards women's full participation in society, taking account of the indigenous context of their countries;

(b) International organisations should identify the information needs of women in various socio-economic groups, in order to help the media launch or strengthen efforts to

employers should appraise recruitment, training, in-service skill development and promotion policies, to ensure that women find jobs in non-traditional occupations in programme formulation, production and distribution, and also that they acquire decision-making powers;

(c) Governments' training institutions and media organisations should establish quotas for the training of women in media skills, in order to achieve equality of opportunity in employment between men and women. Special consideration should be given to upgrading knowledge and skills in the light of technological advances, and to re-training women whose careers are interrupted by traditional family responsibilities;

(d) Governments, media organisations and employers should take cognisance of, and enforce existing international covenants on conditions of work – recruitment, earnings, leave (maternity, parental), on-site child-care facilities, transportation etc. – as a precondition for ensuring equal participation of women in media work;

(e) Governments, manufacturers and media organisations should encourage the production of media equipment suitable for women, and the development of appropriate media for use by women in developing countries;

(f) Governments, media organisations and NGOs should promote the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the World Conference of Women, as contained in the Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women, and other relevant United Nations resolutions;

(g) UNESCO and other international organisations should continue to organise training programmes for media professionals at regional and international levels, aimed at developing skills in conceptualising and presenting programmes and features in relation to the changing roles of women and men. They should also promote the inclusion of women in training courses;

(h) UNESCO, other international organisations and regional NGOs should intensify efforts to distribute inventories of alternative media, feminist networks and media, and information on independent media producers;

Organisation (WHO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) – should allocate increased resources for communication support to "women-in-development" projects;

(i) Upon request from national institutions, international organisations should assist in formulating communication components within women's development projects;

(j) UNESCO should continue to convene, and otherwise participate in, regional meetings of media managers, the decision-makers and other professional media workers, both female and male, to determine how media might become more effective agents of social change and respond more adequately to the information needs of different socio-economic groups of women;

(k) The Advancement of Women Branch of the CSDHA, in operation with the Division of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, should facilitate the organisation of international meetings of communication policy planners and media decision-makers to promote

contributions by media institutions and personnel which promote the cause of women's development;

(l) Media organisations and training institutions should provide women media professionals with special training in all aspects of communication media, to reduce their dependency and to enable them to re-orient the media towards women's full participation in society, taking account of the indigenous context of their countries;

(m) Media organisations should institute fellowships for female and male media personnel to be affiliated with researchers in institutions of women's studies, and with locally based feminist researchers in both rural and urban areas, to promote the media workers' understanding of causal relationships between women's status and prevailing social processes.

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TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION

MAIN CHANNEL

04:30 Koran
04:55 Children's Programme
05:15	..... Sports
05:45	..... Children's Programme
06:15	..... Film
07:15	..... Programmes Review
07:35	..... Local Programme
08:00	..... News in Arabic
08:30	..... Arabic Series
09:00	..... Arabic Play
10:00	..... News in Arabic

FOREIGN CHANNEL

06:00	..... French Programme
07:00	..... News in French
07:30	..... News in Hebrew
08:00	..... Mind Your Language
09:00	..... Fall Guy
10:00	..... News in English
10:15	..... Movie of the Week: A Step out of Line

RADIO JORDAN

853 KHz AM & 99 MHz FM & parity on 950 KHz SW

07:15 Morning Show

07:30 News Summary

07:45 Pop Session

08:00 News Summary

08:15 Instruments, County Music Concert Hour

08:30 Old Favorites

08:45 Special Feature, Pop Session

08:55 News Summary

09:00 Great Books of Islam, Melody Time

09:15 News Desk

09:30 Date with a Star Evening Show

09:45 News Summary

10:00 Evening Show

10:15 News Summary

10:30 News Headlines, Sign Off

BBC WORLD SERVICE

639, 720, 1413 KHz

06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Classical Record Review 06:45 Financial News 06:55 Reflections 07:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 07:30 Newsdesk 08:30 Country Style

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

• History of the French Cinema, photographs, at the French Cultural Centre.
• Exhibition of masks, at the French Cultural Centre.

FILMS

• A Cicciotto II Sua, (by Elin Petri) the best film of the Italian film festival; Friday 8:00 p.m. at the Amman Chamber of Industry.

• Grown ups, a BBC feature film, at the British Council Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

• Antracite, colour film subtitled in Arabic, in the French Cultural Centre Friday at 7:30 p.m.

LECTURE

• Ex-Premier Abdul Mu'men Al Rifai delivers a lecture on Israeli-Arab conflict at the University of Jordan Amman Club 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

• American Centre 41520 British Council 36147-8 French Cultural Centre 400-1 Goethe Institute 41203 Soviet Cultural Centre 41203 Spanish Cultural Centre 20409 Turkish Cultural Centre 39777 Hays Arts Centre 665195 Hussein Youth City 667181 Y.W.C.A. 41793 Y.W.M.A. 664251 Amman Municipal Library 36111 University of Jordan Library - 84355

MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 8th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an extensive collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jibreen, Al Qala (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and scu-

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Randa Habib's CORNER**'Push meets Bym'**

The use of the letter "h" instead of "p" is very common practice in Jordan and the Arab World, not only in the street but unfortunately in schools and in our radio and TV broadcasts.

Thus a teacher of English in a Jordanian school who was announcing the title of a book to his students said "Bower and Bross"; it took the students some time to realize that what he meant was "Power and Progress".

There is also the story of this young man who when in a foreign consulate in Amman was begging the employee to give him his passport quickly because his car was "barked" in a no parking street and the employee ironically answered: "Do you have a dog in your car?"

At the Jordan Television for the news in Arabic it seems that newscasters were warned against the danger of using "h" instead of "p", and as a result we have "p's all the time and particularly when we should not."

Queen Beatrix of Holland became the other day Peatrix and the American Vice-President George Bush has become George Push; and last but not least, the city of Birmingham often mentioned in the sports news will forever remain Pimingham. As for the British foreign secretary, Mr. Pym, he is referred to in our news broadcasts as Mr. Bym.

Murder convict executed

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian convicted of murdering a relative was executed by hanging in Amman Tuesday morning. The condemned, Suliman Amin, was sentenced to death by the criminal court after being found guilty of murdering his relative, Hassan Jamil Yusef.

A report in Al Rai newspaper Wednesday said that Suliman had called at Hassan's home one day and was welcomed by the family. They offered him dinner and being a relative was also allowed to stay for the night.

Suleiman was carrying a gun and when everyone was asleep, he took it out and shot his host in the head, killing him instantly. The report said.

NEWS IN BRIEF**Ceausescu praises Jordanian products**

BUCHAREST (Petra) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu Wednesday visited Jordan's pavilion at the Bucharest International Fair. He toured its various sections and voiced appreciation of the Jordanian products on display at the fair. The president was met by Jordan's Ambassador in Bucharest Naser Al Battah, who presented Mr. Ceausescu with a token gift from among the products on display.

Gulf federation team holds talks

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-man team from the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Arabian Gulf states conferred here Wednesday with the secretary-general of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce on ways of bolstering cooperation between the Gulf states and Jordan in the exchange of expertise and experience and financing Arab development projects.

Chemical seminar to open Nov. 17

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on environmental chemistry will open at the University of Jordan on Nov. 17. Specialists in chemical industries from Jordan and other Arab states are expected to take part in the two-day seminar which will be organised in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Mayors' orientation course concludes

AMMAN (Petra) — A four-day seminar for 21 mayors from various parts of Jordan concluded here Wednesday. The participants were oriented on ways for handling administrative, financial and organisational issues at their municipalities and were lectured by specialists on promoting public services. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani made a speech at the closing session explaining the tasks of various municipalities in the light of the new municipalities law.

Prince Hamzeh hospital plans reviewed

AMMAN (Petra) — A meeting to discuss the projected Prince Hamzeh hospital north of here was held at the Health Ministry Wednesday under the chairmanship of Health Minister Zuhier Mafha. Attending were representatives of the ministries of health and public works and companies undertaking the project. They reviewed various designs and plans of the project, work on which will start in the second half of next year.

Olive farmers urged to delay harvest

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture has instructed farmers around the country to refrain from harvesting olive crops for oil extraction before the end of October. The ministry instructions said that the longer the olives are left on the trees the more oil can be obtained from the crops.

Public deposits show decline in July

AMMAN (Petra) — Public funds and savings deposited at commercial banks in Jordan dropped by JD 11.41 million at the end of July in comparison with deposits at the end of June 1982, according to a statistical bulletin issued by the Central Bank of Jordan yesterday. It said that deposits at the end of July stood at JD 1,193,387,300 as against JD 1,114,197,000 at the end of the previous month.

French team starts digs at Smakiyah

AMMAN (Petra) — A French archaeological team has embarked on a survey of Smakiyah region in Irbid Governorate, according to a spokesman for the Department of Antiquities here. He said that the survey is designed to locate areas that attracted different migrating settlers in the old ages and to determine the trade and cultural relationship between this region and neighbouring areas.

Zarqa to experiment in cattle raising

ZARQA (Petra) — The agricultural department here has assigned 400 dunums of land at Dueil for establishing research stations for finding ways of improving methods of raising cattle, growing vegetables and planting orchards in the region.

Queen visits centuries-old village

Text and photo by Samira Kawar
Special to the Jordan Times

CHARISAH — Excited children ran around with an air of breathless anticipation, whilst their elders, all members of the M'alha branch of the Zayoud tribe, prepared to welcome Her Majesty Queen Noor in a bedouin tent especially pitched for the occasion outside the ruins of their former village, Gharisah, 13 kilometres north of Zarqa.

The village houses are still standing, but most of them have no roofs, since the wooden shafts were taken away by the inhabitants, who finally abandoned it in 1973, many of them setting in "New Gharisah" also known as Gharisah Farm, located three kilometres to the southwest of the abandoned village.

The Queen's visit to the old village was undertaken to assess the possibility of turning the village into a museum that would illustrate original Jordanian village life.

The Queen is interested in the preservation of Jordanian heritage, particularly architectural heritage.

No formal plans of turning the village into a museum-cum-restaurant that could be visited by tourists on their way to the desert castles at the Jordan Valley region Tuesday on their way back after performing the *haj* in Saudi Arabia.

Their representatives voiced appreciation to Jordanian officials from the Ministry of Awqaf and

Her Majesty Queen Noor, during a visit Wednesday to the ancient village of Gharisah, north of Zarqa, shakes hands with the inhabitants of the village.

Pilgrims arrive on way back

AMMAN (Petra) — The first batch of Palestinian pilgrims living in Israel arrived at the pilgrims' camp at the Jordan Valley region Tuesday on their way back after performing the *haj* in Saudi Arabia.

Islamic Affairs, the Health Ministry and the Ministry of Interior for their efforts to facilitate the pilgrims' trip to Mecca and for setting up the camp to house them. The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs made arrangements at Mecca for housing the pilgrims and this was greatly appreciated by the pilgrims.

The houses of the old village huddle together at the top of a mountain 751 metres above sea level. It is surrounded by high, barren mountains, and on a clear sunny afternoon, the fine stone walls of the empty houses stand out in stark contrast against the clear blue sky.

Slowly, its inhabitants began to leave the village, some to work at the nearby Zarqa oil refinery or to find employment elsewhere.

There is a consensus amongst former inhabitants and arc-

haeological experts that the old village of Gharisah was built on the ruins of an even much older village, which may have existed during the presence of the Crusaders in the region. The ruins of the village evoke even more ancient times since some of the larger stones out of which the walls are built are thought to date back to Roman times, and others much further back to the Iron Age. Some of the caves, which were also inhabited by the Zayoud tribe are thought to date back to the Bronze Age.

The Zayoud tribe, which belongs to the large bedouin tribe of Bani Hassan, began to settle in the village at the top of the mountain as early as 1905. By 1915, the village, as it still stands, was fully built, but its inhabitants still continued to pursue the bedouin way of life, raising sheep, horses and camels. They lived in tents, moving from region to region around the village depending on water and grazing pastures. During the coldest months of winter, they used to move in to the stone houses of the village. They also subsisted on rain-fed agriculture, mostly growing wheat and barley.

But the land immediately surrounding the village is unsuitable for farming.

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ditions.

The decision to put off all matches has come after a match on Oct. 4 between the soccer team of Ramtha Sports, Cultural and Social Club and that of Wahdat Youth Centre when one of Ramtha supporters attacked Mr. Ahmad Yahya, the match's referee.

According to Mr. Abu Nowar: "This constraint is being exerted in an attempt to help all sponsors rearrange their internal affairs in a way that will promote football in Jordan. The Ministry of Culture and Youth will never allow such a behavioural aberra-

tion."

The minister's decision came in a message to the JFF, in which he said: "The violence the phenomena caused by fans of the competing teams is increasing and has been repeated in the last six football matches so much so that the this season's tournament cannot continue under these unhealthy con-

ditions."

The JFF has supported the minister's decision to suspend the tourna-

ment. It also called for more extensive efforts to prepare for a new start. This is expected to take place at the beginning of the next year, according to Mr. Abu Nowar's message.

Crown Prince sends message to international symposium

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has sent a message to an international symposium on monetary revolution in Europe and the Western world scheduled to open in Italy on Oct. 10.

The message, to be read out at the symposium, will be delivered by Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Director General Albert Butros

who left Amman Wednesday on a tour that will take him to Holland, Italy and Venezuela.

White in Holland Dr. Butros said he will attend a ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of Philips International Institute. In Venezuela, Dr. Butros will attend meetings of international scientific, industrial and technical institutions to be held Oct. 16-22.

Kuwait meeting to discuss Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — Developments in Lebanon and contributions towards its reconstruction will be the topic for discussion by Arab Chambers of Commerce Federation council due to convene in Kuwait on Sunday.

Jordan will be represented at the meeting by Mohammad Ali

Budeir president of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce.

A federation spokesman said that the secretary general of the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, industry and agriculture Burhan Dajani will arrive in Amman on Friday for talks on issues of concern to the federation.

Mourners pay tribute to Bakr

AMMAN (Petra) — Representatives of Jordanian official and public sectors and diplomatic missions accredited to Jordan Wednesday called at the Iraqi embassy in Amman to offer their condolences on the death of former Iraqi President Ahmad Hasan Al Bakr. They also registered their names at the special register opened for this purpose.

Among those who called at the

embassy were Upper House of Parliament Speaker Bahjat Al Talhouni, National Consultative Council (NCC) Speaker Suleiman Arar, parliament and NCC members and several former prime ministers.

Also calling at the embassy were representatives of trade unions, leaders of religious denominations, Arab organisations and tribal chiefs.

'Hooliganism' forces authorities to postpone soccer tournament

By Riyad Ahmad
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Minister of Culture and Youth Abu Nowar has decided to postpone indefinitely all Jordanian Football Federation (JFF) tournament matches in response to "the increase in crowd hooliganism and harassment of the referees."

During the last two weeks hooliganism has increased to an extent that hampered JFF efforts to organise its annual tournaments with good spirits, according to official and public reports here.

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RED & BLACK

By Jawad Ahmad

A good old lie

WHEN THE Israelis latch on to a good lie, they ride it for as long as they can. Witness the latest statements by the Israeli government demanding that Israeli and Syrian withdrawals from Lebanon be preceded by a full withdrawal of Palestinian resistance forces, and also by "appropriate security arrangements to insure the peace of Galilee". We hadn't heard about the "peace of Galilee" for several months - ever since the Israeli political/military leadership invaded Lebanon, laid seige to west Beirut and talked, incoherently about eliminating the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as a political factor in the Middle East. What has happened, of course, is precisely the opposite. The PLO's stature and credibility have been vastly enhanced by its stand against the full force of the Israeli/American military machine, and Mr. Yasser Arafat is being courted as an international statesman who left Beirut to see no less a figure than the Pope.

For the Israelis to talk again about the "peace of Galilee" should set off uncontrollable laughter throughout the world. The peace of Galilee was never seriously threatened before the invasion of Lebanon became

the PLO's adherence to the ceasefire that had been arranged nine months previously by Mr. Philip Habib. Many more Israelis have died and been injured since the invasion of Lebanon than had been hurt by Palestinian military actions in Galilee in the previous decade. And Galilee has been a good deal safer and quieter for Israelis than the West Bank and Gaza, where Palestinian resistance continues against the Israeli occupation.

Israel used the peace in Galilee pretext when it invaded Lebanon because it knew that this sort of deception at the highest level of the Israeli government might be accepted in the United States. And it was - for a month or two. After that, the true aims of Israel became obvious, and even the American leadership, with its super-human capacity for not wanting to confront the reality of its Israeli client state, finally faced the truth and redirected its energies towards a fair and permanent resolution of the Palestinian problem. It is rather a pathetic posture that Israel strikes now as it tries to justify, after the fact, its blood-drenched Lebanese adventure.

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Al Ra'i: UNRWA takes an irresponsible decision

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) has arrived at an irresponsible decision to withhold aid formerly provided by the agency to 400,000 Palestinians living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The decision goes in line with Israeli efforts and plans to force the Palestinian population of the occupied territories out of their national homeland, using economic, psychological and political pressures aimed at making life unbearable for the Arab citizens.

The UNRWA decision will only add to the sufferings of the Arab inhabitants and help Israeli authorities change the demographic structure of the occupied areas, a policy methodically adopted in full agreement with Israel's settlement plans and policies, paving the way for a formal proclamation of the annexation of the occupied territories.

UNRWA has committed an act of aggression

against the Palestinians, and adopted illegitimate policies in full compliance with Israeli colonial schemes. More denunciation of such a move will not be of much help to change realities, and the time has come for the Arab states to demand a discussion of UNRWA's policies within the United Nations' framework to sort out the motives and dynamics of such practices. Could this be a U.N. official policy? If not, there must be some "sabotage group" at the decision-making level in UNRWA, whose only directive is to serve Israel's annexationist plans.

In the first place, Arab financial assistance to the world organisation should be revised. Otherwise, UNRWA should be approached with an effort to purify its ranks from Zionist hegemony that tarnishes its reputation and jeopardises its humane role, which is the main reason of its establishment.

The Iranians went on instigating new hostilities and building up new offensives. But the most crucial aspect of the situation is that it puts all the Arabs before an enemy, who systematically rejects peace, and persistently practises hegemonic and expansionist policies.

The indifferent Arab stand towards the Zionist enemy has played into his hands, and encouraged arrogance and aggressive trends. A similar attitude towards Iran will simply lead to similar conclusions.

Nevertheless, we are positive that only a determined step to defend Iraq and the Arab Gulf states would press the Iranian leadership to resort to the peace alternative.

Al Dustour: Iran's rejection of U.N. resolution is evil

The Iranian leadership has declared its rejection of the new U.N. Security Council resolution, calling for a halt to hostilities on the Iranian-Iraqi front. The new declaration is a repetition of earlier negative attitudes reflecting Iran's persistent intentions to jeopardise all peace efforts aimed at ending the war, and starting negotiations to resolve the issue.

Khomeini, in addition to other key figures in the Iranian ruling circles, openly reiterated previous threats, uncovering hidden intentions to occupy Iraq and reach the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

Iraq has unilaterally withdrawn its forces from all Iranian territories and adopted a one-sided ceasefire line, except when attacked.

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Weak economies in Nordic nations are causing some major changes in the political scene

By Michael Metcalfe
Reuter

STOCKHOLM — A wind of political change is sweeping the five Nordic nations and toppling governments as they confront, and often fail to solve, acute problems caused by expensive social welfare systems and weak economies.

In Denmark, a conservative-led minority coalition replaced Social Democrat Anker Jorgensen's eight-month-old government earlier last month after it failed to get broad parliamentary support for a controversial economic crisis package.

In Sweden, the electorate recently voted for change and threw out the 16-month-old minority coalition led by centrist Thorbjorn Falldin, restoring Olof Palme's social democrats to power after they had spent six years in opposition.

Mr. Palme won because most Swedes were reluctant to see their welfare cut back and to accept strong economic medicine to remedy their growing economic ills, political analysts said. But the electorate gave Mr. Palme only a slim mandate of three seats over the non-socialist parties to reform the economy.

In the past year elections in three countries - Sweden, Denmark and Norway - all produced gains by small conservative parties promising to reduce the rising tax burden, which is blamed for choking private initiative and industrial incentive.

The social democrats' victory in Sweden ran contrary to a general Nordic trend of recent years towards non-socialist government.

But, perhaps significantly for the future, the Swedish Conservative Party made by biggest gains in the general election, increasing their seats in the 349-member *ricksdag* (parliament) by 13 to 86 and capturing 3.3 per cent more of the vote than in 1979 when the last elections were held. By contrast, the social democrats won 12 more seats and 27 per cent more of the vote.

In Norway, the conservative minority government of Kaare Willoch celebrated its maiden year office last month with a turbulent autumn in store as falling North Sea oil revenues curtail its plans to stimulate the economy by tax cuts and reducing aid to industry.

Finland's motley coalition of social democrats, communists, centrists and Swedish People's

Party pushed through parliament its last budget last month before new elections are held next March, when they face the prospect of losing ground to the conservatives. Finland's second-largest party after the social dem-

ocrats, political analysts in Helsinki said.

Iceland's Conservative-led coalition battling to survive after 30 months in office concerned mainly with struggling to remedy the island's endemic sickness, virulent

inflation, which has undercut the competitiveness of its vital fishing industry and sparked a series of currency devaluations.

The Nordic conservatives all have in common their aim to cut taxes and get the respective economies moving again. But they are finding their promise hard to translate into practice.

Most heavily taxed

Sweden and Norway are the most heavily taxed of industrial nations, with Swedish taxpayers last year contributing the equivalent of 51.5 per cent of the gross domestic product in compulsory general government and social security payments.

Parties of every political persuasion appear unable to decide how to pay for expensive social welfare benefits with less funds from economies overburdened by high taxes and low growth, economists said.

In Sweden, with unemployment at a 21-year high of nearly four per cent and a record budget deficit approaching 75 billion crowns (\$12.5 billion), Mr. Palme is not expected to embark immediately on radical economic restructuring.

Taxes are bound to rise under a social democrat government in Sweden, with increase in indirect and personal taxation on the cards, the analysts said. But the new government will have to be very careful that it does not fall into the trap of paying for increased public and social welfare spending at the expense of throttling industry's incentives to produce more.

Instead the new government, with its eye on the growing influence and popularity of the conservatives, will probably prefer to set its sights lower and go for other reforms, such as cutting subsidies to lame-duck sectors of industry and increasing municipal spending through public works and construction programmes, the analysts said.

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Norway's conservative government, backed directly by only 53 of the 155-member *storting* (parliament), faces the same dilemma of high taxes and low growth as Sweden but its offshore assets help to redress the problem, also faced by Sweden and Denmark, of widening budget deficits.

After more than 40 years in which the Labour Party was the dominant force in Norwegian politics, Mr. Willoch found the task of injecting more efficiency into the

economy overnight tougher than was first supposed, political analysts in Oslo said.

The government has had to postpone promised tax cuts because of falling world oil prices. Last year the economy was buoyed by some 50 billion crowns (\$7 billion) in oil revenue but earnings are expected to fall sharply in 1982.

The real test of the government's ability to revive Norway's industry, many sectors of which are in deep crisis, will come this month when he presents his first full budget. The government is far from sure of gaining support for its proposals despite its parliamentary majority.

Analysts say there is a risk that when the budget is put to the vote, tax cuts will go through but spending cuts will not, prompting the government either to resign or to call fresh elections in order to secure a stronger parliamentary base.

Denmark's social democratic minority government decided to step down last month because it lacked backing in parliament for tough measures to put right the economy.

Conservative Leader Poul Schlueter took power with a minority coalition of four parties and analysts doubt it will survive beyond

dequate all over the kingdom. Rural people resort to cities for treatment. City dwellers with the means travel abroad in pursuit of it. If we add the travel costs to the total medical cost, the awesome sum will increase handsomely.

In terms of welfare, medical care is the one which needs public attention and funding. Housing comes next. Other services like food, education and transportation can be made available at cost with the participation of the private sector.

Health should take priority.

In sickness and in health

THE DISAPPEARANCE of this column during the last four weeks is due to my illness. There is nothing that can be a better teacher for man than illness. It teaches man to pause for a while and reconsider what he has been doing with his most valuable and limited asset - life. It may even force him to review his priorities.

Yet, the most provoking thought which captured my senses constantly was the need to improve and make available health services to all Jordanian citizens. There is currently a medical insurance scheme which has been drafted by the

Ministry of Health. Would that be good enough? It is presumptuous at this stage to pass any positive judgement.

The cost of medical treatment and care in Jordan is comparatively high. The public sector offers next to free health service, but it is still inadequate in many respects. The private sector is not better in that respect particularly when viewed against the jarring costs involved.

What is sad about the medical and health care in Jordan is the fact that Jordan has many doctors - almost one physician per 900 people. Compared to

other developing countries, this is a high ratio indeed. Moreover, the Jordanian people are considered to be properly fed with an average of 4000 calories intake per person.

While the government has put a serious effort to ensure the availability of basic food items at reasonable prices, it failed to pay parallel attention to the urgently needed medical care. What an individual can save monthly in food costs with the aid and control of government is squandered three times as much on extra charges incurred in the over-priced

medical treatment.

Therefore, if the government's ability to subsidise is limited by budget constraints, then subsidy priorities must be reviewed. Health and housing are the uppermost priorities.

Food is a commodity which can be flexible enough and consequently adjusted with family budgets. Health costs are not.

If one needs an open-heart surgery then he must go to the experts. His ability to control the cost is limited indeed.

The cost of medical care is also compounded by the fact that health services are in-

cover a revenue shortfall of some 2,500 billion yen (\$9.6 billion) which will expand to between 5,000 and 6,000 billion yen (\$19.2 to \$23 billion) by next March.

LDP sources said the news conference was designed to appease former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda and other LDP critics who had demanded that the nation be told of the financial situation.

Keeping peace in the LDP, which is composed of five principal factions and has 287 members of the 511-member lower house of the *diet* (parliament), is vital to Mr. Suzuki's future.

He leads the second biggest LDP faction with 87 members of the *diet* and has the backing of the biggest LDP faction of 107 members by Mr. Tanaka, who has been on trial for several years on charges going out of the Lockheed aircraft bribery scandal.

Yasuhiko Nakasone, 64, a strong contender to succeed Mr. Suzuki with a faction of 49, at this stage supports the prime minister, party sources said.

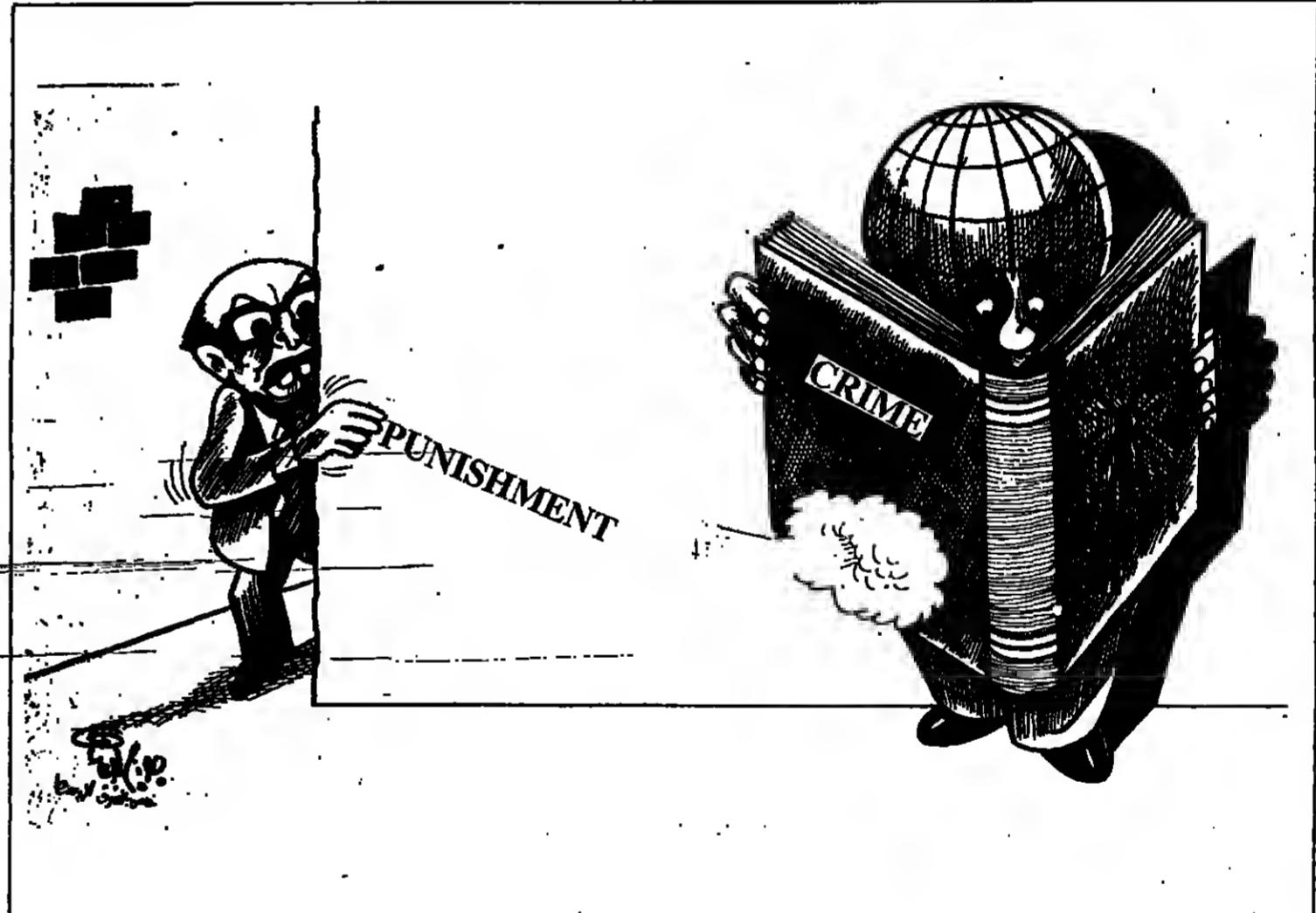
So far only Ichiro Nakagawa, 57, director-general of the Science and Technology Agency, has announced he will run for the top party post but he leads a group of only 13 LDP members.

Tosio Komoto, 71, head of the government Economic Planning Agency, an International Trade and Industry Minister Shigenobu Abe, 58, have demanded that Mr. Suzuki take urgent measures to revive the economy.

Mr. Suzuki has expressed his readiness to draw up a business stimulating package, but only after an Oct. 8 cabinet meeting when it is expected the government will lower its growth target.

The LDP sources said that prospects of an anti-Suzuki coalition being formed rest in the hands of Mr. Fukuda, who has been increasingly critical of Mr. Suzuki's permitting the domination of the Tanaka faction over party affairs.

The 77-year-old former prime minister will have the option of supporting Mr. Suzuki's re-election or backing Mr. Komoto, leader of a 42-member faction of Mr. Abe, heir-apparent to Mr. Fukuda's 78-member group.



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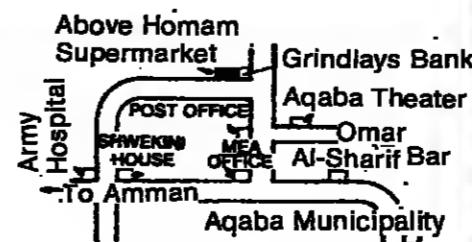
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Controversy at Commonwealth Games

Canada's swimming squad faces disciplinary action

BRISBANE (R) — A rift between team officials and three of Australia's Commonwealth Games swimmers seemed to be sealed Wednesday night while the entire Canadian swimming squad faced possible disciplinary action after storming out of the Chandler pool.

Earlier Wednesday Australian team officials announced that three top swimmers might be expelled from the games village because of incidents at a pre-games training camp last month.

But Wednesday night Australia's general team manager Jim Barry announced that gold medallists Michelle Ford and Neil Brooks, and Rosemary Brown would not be asked to leave the village.

Barry said a compromise had been reached and added: "Both Rosemary Brown and Michelle Ford, we believe, have been punished enough and no further action will be taken."

Barry described Brooks' alleged misdemeanour as "more severe" and said the Australian Swimming Union would meet Thursday to discuss the matter. He would not explain what happened during the training camp in Sydney but it was understood that one of the incidents involved breaking curfew.

But just as the Australian appeared to have resolved one row, another erupted involving a walk-out by the Canadian swimmers in front of Queen Elizabeth.

The 40-strong Canadian swimming squad left the swimming complex early while the Queen and a crowd of 5,000 were waiting for the final medal presentation of the swimming competition.

The Canadians would have received the gold medal for winning the men's 4x100 metres medley relay. But they were disqualified, like four other relay teams at the games, for an early changeover.

"I don't know why our team stormed out," said chief coach Dave Johnston. "It was time to go home, and home they went.

"I don't think they were quite aware that the Queen was here, and if we offended anybody, we apologise."

Some members of the dis-qualified Canadian team were seen kicking chairs, rubbish bins and doors around the swimming complex during the walk-out and could face disciplinary action because of their behaviour.

It was an acrimonious end to six days of bitter competition in the pool between Australia and Canada, in which the host team won back the overall title they lost the 1978 games in Edmonton. Australia's swimmers won 13 events compared to nine by Canada and seven by high-flying England. The Australians and the English also picked up two golds each from diving.

Most Australians will remember the final night for Tracey Wickham's last international race. She won the women's 400 metres

freestyle in four minutes 08.82 seconds, only 2.64 seconds outside her own world record.

In announcing her retirement, Wickham said she did not want to do "a Muhammad Ali" and stay around for ever.

Australia's other golden girl was Lisa Curry, the first competitor to win three individual golds at the games. "Three is not the same as five," she said, referring to the two golds she lost when Australia were disqualified from relay events.

A 52-year-old games record was equalled Wednesday when seven members of the nine-strong England boxing team reached the final.

England set the previous best when the Canadian city of Hamilton hosted the inaugural games in 1930—and in those days countries were not limited to one boxer per division and fewer teams competed.

CGF adopts new code against having sports links with S. Africa

BRISBANE (R) — The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Wednesday adopted a tough new code of conduct aimed at barring all sports contact with South Africa.

The code strengthens the 1977 Gleneagles Declaration discouraging sports links with South Africa because of its apartheid policy.

Commonwealth countries will now be liable to suspension from future Commonwealth Games for breaching the Gleneagles Declaration.

The code was outlined 10 days ago at a special CGF meeting in Brisbane, and was accepted Wednesday without change and with little debate, meeting sources said.

The only dissenters were England and New Zealand, which has been threatened with a sports boycott by black Africa because it hosted a tour by South Africa's rugby team.

The two countries did not vote and the code, which required a two-thirds majority, was formally approved.

But Roy Dutton, New Zealand's chief delegate at the meeting, said he accepted that New Zealand would abide by the provision of the code.

Sir Alexander Ross, retiring as chairman after 16 years in office, said the code would ensure the continuing success of the Games.

He was replaced as chairman by Scottish sports administrator Peter Heatley after five ballots, defeating the Australian candidate, Les Martyn.

English rebel cricketers return to the scene of their 'crime'

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Several of England's rebel cricketers, under a three-year ban from international games for playing unofficial tests against South Africa, have quietly returned to the scene of their "crime".

But this time there are no plans for Graham Gooch and his men to play any matches against South Africa similar to those earlier this year which incurred the wrath of the English authorities.

Instead they have been split among the country's provincial sides for the South African cricket season which opens this weekend.

English county players have been regular visitors to South Africa for many years, but when they angered the cricketing world last March was that they banded together, for a sizeable fee, to form an English squad to face the internationally ostracised South Africans.

Their tour ended 12 years in the cricketing wilderness imposed on South Africa because of its internationally condemned apartheid (race separation) policies.

Rebel squad captain Gooch and off-spinner John Emburey, two

who, but for the ban, might reasonably have been selected for England's forthcoming tour of Australia, have joined provincial champions Western Province.

"Somewhat ironically," Gooch replaces Allan Lamb, the South African-born batsman who qualified to play for England this year and has been chosen for the Australian tour.

For the opening triangular tournament featuring the top three teams this weekend, Emburey replaces Omar Henry, the only coloured cricketer to have played regularly in senior provincial games.

Of the two other rebels who jolted the cricket world by taking part in the tour, former England players Wayne Larkins and Peter Willey are contracted to play for Eastern Province.

Fast bowler Chris Old, sacked from the captaincy of Yorkshire mid-way through the English county season, will play for Northern Transvaal. Old was greeted on arrival here with the news that his contract with Yorkshire would not be renewed.

Stylish former England batsman Bob Woolmer has also returned for another season and will be available for Western Province.

West Germany's Klaus Fischer retires from international soccer

BONN (R) — Klaus Fischer, West Germany's free-scoring World Cup forward, Wednesday announced his retirement from international soccer.

The 33-year-old Cologne player, who scored 32 goals in 45 appearances for the national team, said: "I have had a good time but you have to know when to stop".

Long seen as a natural successor to Gerd "the boulder" Mueller, Fischer was 27 before he got his first international chance, waiting in the wings while his club Schalke weathered the reverberations of an illegal payments scandal.

A broken leg twice threatened his career — but 220 goals in 400 Bundesliga games still make him third highest scorer in West German soccer history behind Mueller and Jupp Heynckes.

His last international goal was one of the most memorable and crucial of his career—a spectacular "bicycle" kick which gave West Germany their extra-time 3-3 equaliser in the World Cup semifinal against France in Seville.

Fischer, who played in the 1978 and 1982 World Cup series, is the fourth player to step down from the West German team since this summer's finals in Spain, following Paul Breitner, Felix Magath and Horst Hrubesch.

Gerulaitis to quit tennis in 2 years

MELBOURNE (R) — Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States, the world's fifth-ranked player, said at the Melbourne indoor tennis tournament Wednesday he wanted to leave the sport in two years.

He was speaking after taking just 46 minutes to beat young Australian Wally Masur 6-0, 6-2 in a first round match.

Gerulaitis, who forfeited the final here last year as a protest against poor umpiring, said: "I'm getting tired."

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Hungary lead in world pentathlon

ROME (R) — Hungary established a slim lead over Mexico and Italy, their closest rivals, in the horse-riding event on the first day of the World Modern Pentathlon Championships here Tuesday.

Attila Miszer and Attila Czazszi, equal second in the individual rankings, helped Hungary compile a total of 3,130 points, 16 ahead of Mexico and 40 ahead of Italy.

Marcelo Hoyo of Mexico, Daniele Massala of Italy, Barry Kennedy of Canada and Paul Four of France each scored a maximum 1,100 points in the horse-riding.

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Kuwaiti premier promises new reforms to stock market

KUWAIT (R) — The prime minister of Kuwait Tuesday promised further reforms to deal with a crisis in the country's stock exchange, in addition to a government decree issued two weeks ago.

Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah also told the national assembly (parliament) that the recent government measures to deal with the crisis would be used to punish and not to protect market manipulators.

The problem arose when a fall in share prices due largely to the Iran-Iraq war resulted in many investors being unable to honour post-dated cheques. They had used the cheques to buy shares

they expected to appreciate before the cheques fell due.

Cheques with an estimated face value of four billion dinars (\$14 billion) are expected to mature in the next few months, with a peak likely in May.

The government decree issued two weeks ago laid down that all business deals for settlement with post-dated cheques must be registered within 30 days.

The decree suspended bankruptcy cases, and said that any disputes resulting from post-dated payments would be dealt with by arbitration committees headed by a judge.

Assembly sources said many of its 50 members were very critical

of the government for resorting to decree rather than the law courts. The decree will be debated next Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

The assembly was summoned from summer recess Tuesday, six days early, to endorse the tough decree reflecting government concern about the stock market.

The market ranks eighth in the world, with a 1981 turnover of 1.9 billion Kuwaiti dinars (\$6.5 billion).

In his brief opening address the Emir (ruler) of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, blamed the market crisis on those who he said made a "rush for swift gains under the umbrella of the free economy in Kuwait."

State industries will lose about \$3 b in Italy

ROME (R) — Italy's state-owned industries will lose an estimated 4,300 billion lire (\$3 billion) this year, with steel and energy hard hit, State Industry Minister Gianni De Michelis said Tuesday.

This is more than double the amount previously estimated by the state industries ministry, which had predicted 1982 losses at 1,887 billion lire (\$1.3 billion). But it is down on last year's losses of 5,216 billion lire (\$3.7 billion).

Mr. De Michelis told a press conference that the plight of Italy's public sector—which accounts for about half the nation's industrial investment—had been aggravated by the continuing world recession, high interest rates, and the lira's sharp fall against the dollar.

He said IRI, the state industrial holding company which controls the steel sector, and ENI, the state-owned energy corporation, had been hardest hit.

But the slight predicted improvement in 1982 over last year was a turning point and the industries could be returned to profitability within the next three years, he added.

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U.K. banks cut base rate to 10%

LONDON (R) — Leading British banks announced a cut in their key lending rate Wednesday, from 10½ to 10 per cent, giving a boost to the country's recession-hit industry.

National Westminster, Midland and Lloyds said the new base rate, the charge they make on loans to their most creditworthy customers, would be effective from Thursday. Other major banks were expected to follow suit.

Businessmen immediately welcomed the cut. Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said the reduced rate would cut business costs by £125 million (\$212 million) a year.

"It will help business confidence and boost demand next year," Sir Terence said. But he added that with inflation now down to eight per cent, "real interest rates remain high."

The Conservative government is keen to see interest rates fall and Wednesday's move follows days of pressure by the Bank of England which has been cutting the rates at which it deals in the money markets.

Norway introduces sweeping tax cuts

OSLO (R) — In the first budget by a Conservative administration in 55 years, Norway's Conservative minority government Wednesday introduced sweeping tax cuts to nudge industry out of recession.

Finance Minister Rolf Presthus, announced a cautious and restrained 1983 budget plan, said he aimed to narrow the gaping budget deficit that previous Labour governments had covered with North Sea oil and gas revenue.

The tax cuts totalled over five billion crowns (\$810 million), primarily for higher wage brackets but they also included relief for corporations.

When it took office in September last year, the government pledged to ease the tax burden on Norwegians, who along with Swedes pay the highest taxes of any industrial countries.

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 7, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to go to the most influential person you know and obtain sound advice on the most practical way to advance in your line of endeavour. Be openminded.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Come to a true meeting of minds with associates and let them know in an articulate fashion what your long-time plans happen to be.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make sure you handle important business matters early in the day. Follow through on previous plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have fine ideas for advancing your personal life, sc put them in operation without delay. Travel with care.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A new plan you have in mind needs more study before you put it in operation. Strive to be more secure.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A day to visit many friends and exchange ideas for getting ahead. Don't be shy about going after a personal aim.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A high official will give an ear to your ideas and will be more than willing to support you in getting ahead. Express happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have excellent ideas now which should be put in operation quickly for best results. Relax at home tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Investigate whatever you do not understand during spare time and come up with the right answers. Be cheerful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Know your true position with associates and come to a better understanding with them. Build up more goodwill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can handle outside duties well today since the planets are favorable for such. Live a happier life in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Find better ways of putting your talents across and gain benefits from them. Don't be extravagant and don't be stingy.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study the situation at home well and then take steps to improve it. Follow your hunches which could bring benefits.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have a brilliant and inventive mind and will act wisely at the time of any emergency. Teach to complete whatever is started, since your progeny has so many talents and could easily jump from one thing to another.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, OCT. 8, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day that's fine for turning on the motives of other persons where business or contractual matters are concerned. Then you can act in accordance with accepted views.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You may be inspired to get things done early in the day but associates are not willing to go along with your plans. Use wisdom.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Routine duties should be handled with precision today to gain maximum efficiency. Improve your relationship with loved one.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Your associates can be impressed with your ideas and will give you support. Rise above any disappointments.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A good time to study your environment and make plans for improvement. Don't be forced with family members.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Come to a much better accord with partners so that you can work more harmoniously together. Take no chances with a foe.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Begin the day properly by handling important business matters well. Don't neglect the social side of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your true position well and make plans to gain your most cherished wishes. Strive for increased happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can now investigate whatever is puzzling you and come up with the right answers. Don't let a secret anxiety bother you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to please those you are fond of and clear of those who are too demanding. You can gain a personal aim now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Schedule your work well and express happiness in it. Do nothing that could spoil your carefully built-up reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Delve into new interests that can bring greater rewards in the future. Making contacts of worth is wise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Follow your hunches today since they could lead you in the right direction and bring benefits. Improve your appearance.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one of those studious young persons who can absorb a great deal of knowledge, so be sure to give as fine an education as you can. A good sport here, also a lover of music. A fine child with much talent.

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Large-scale installations transform Malaysia's east coast

HELSINKI (R) — Finland Wednesday devalued its markka by about four per cent to boost flagging sales of its forestry industry and help other exports in major world markets.

The devaluation was against a basket of five currencies used for aligning the markka—the dollar, German pound, sterling, West German

mark, Swedish crown and Soviet ruble.

The central bank fixed the dollar at 5,079 markka Wednesday from Tuesday's 4,881. Sterling went to 8.59¢ from 8.22¢, the Swedish crown to 80.85 (77.6) and the mark to 199.75 (191.3).

The devaluation was just within discretionary limits set for the cen-

tral bank by the government.

The move follows sagging sales in the forestry industry, whose prices are largely quoted in dollars.

In the past few days pulp and paper mills have announced layoffs affecting thousands of workers, and industry leaders have predicted heavy cuts in the workforce.

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"It is essential that the workers (at Bagnoli) understand that necessary restructuring can only be achieved through this closure," said Mr. De Michelis, a member of the Socialist Party. The Naples plant is due to reopen next June after modernisation.

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Nott defends reductions in Britain's armed forces

BRIGHTON, England (R) — Defence Secretary John Nott has told the ruling Conservative Party's annual conference that Britain's armed forces must learn to live within their budgets.

Men were more important than equipment in recapturing the Falkland Islands from Argentina, said Mr. Nott, who has frequently been criticised from within his own party for making sweeping cuts in Britain's surface fleet.

Tuesday's party conference debate reflected little of that criticism, but Mr. Nott, who plans to retire from politics in the next few years, stormed out of a television interview when his defence policy was questioned by Sir Robin Day, one of the most senior figures in British television.

Mr. Nott abruptly ended the interview when Sir Robin contrasted the views of Admiral Sir Henry Leach, the first sea lord, with those of Mr. Nott, whom he addressed as a "transient, here today—gone tomorrow" politician.

Law and order, energy, health and social security, economic pol-

icy and taxation, and the Conservative Party's image in the eyes of voters are the subjects for Wednesday's discussions.

Party managers have decided not to allow debate on several identical motions voicing dissatisfaction with government law and order policy.

Instead, Conservatives will be asked to say that the British people are deeply disturbed at the rise in crime and demand a severe standard of punishment.

Support for health

BRIGHTON, England (R) — Britain's Conservative Government, embarrassed by a leaked report recommending the breakup of the state-funded National Health Service, renewed its commitment to public health care Wednesday.

Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler also said that the government would not increase its £1.1 billion (\$1.85 billion) pay offer to striking health service workers.

French government's standing rises fast

PARIS (R) — The popularity of France's Socialist government, which fell sharply throughout the summer, improved last month in what could be a turning point in public opinion, according to a poll published Wednesday.

A moothly poll carried out by the daily *Le Matin* and the Louis-Harris organisation showed that 54 per cent of those questioned thought president François Mitterrand was doing well or very well, against 50 per cent in August.

Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy also gained, while four senior ministers trying to tackle France's economic problems leapt ahead with between seven and eight per cent more positive opinion than in August.

The pro-Socialist *Le Matin* said the rise showed confidence in the government's austerity programme, which includes a four-month wage and prices freeze due to end in three weeks.

Confidence in the government, which won a sweeping victory in May 1981, fell sharply during the summer following a series of terrorist attacks and two devaluations of the franc.

U.S., Egypt study ways to co-produce jet fighters

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. aircraft company representatives, backed by the Defence Department, have opened discussions with Egypt on co-producing jet fighters for sale to other Middle Eastern nations. The Pentagon has said.

But spokesman Benjamin Welles said the financing to build an aircraft production line in Egypt was a major problem.

Both he and White House spokesman Larry Speakes denied a report in the Washington Post Tuesday that the United States was urging Saudi Arabia to lend Egypt up to \$2 billion for the project.

The planes being considered for production in Egypt are the General Dynamics F-16/79 fighter and the Northrop F-5G, both less advanced aircraft designed specifically for export.

Mr. Welles said Egypt had requested technical information from Northrop and had discussed co-production with the firm, and had also held talks with General Dynamics.

Officials said a co-production deal for the planes would fit in with the Reagan administration

The poll was based on answers given by 1,000 people in the last week of September.

Trouble with Communists

PARIS — Friction between France's ruling Socialists and their Communist allies has increased sharply after Communist Party leaders openly criticised the government at a meeting of their central committee which ended Tuesday.

The Communists, while making it clear that the alliance is not in doubt, say President Mitterrand's Socialists have yielded to pressure from employers and right-wing opponents and have modified their policies as a result.

Andre Lajoinie, leader of the Communists in the national assembly, presented a report to the two-day party meeting which listed a long series of complaints.

The report fuelled media speculation about the long-term future of the Socialist-Communist alliance, particularly after a recent row over next year's social security budget which is heading for a 30 billion franc (\$430 million) deficit.

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policy of strengthening ties with moderate Arab governments in the face of Iranian threats to the region.

They added that the sales would not threaten Israel because its air force would remain the strongest in the region.

Mr. Welles said the discussions were within the overall U.S. Middle East policy which calls for even-handed treatment of Arabs and Israelis.

He said discussions with Egypt were still at the industry level, although the Pentagon was fully aware of their course.

"We want to see American industry make sales and feel these two kinds of planes are appropriate for the government of the region," he said.

Mr. Welles said co-production of U.S.-designed planes in Egypt would strengthen that country's economy and also contribute to the defence of friendly Middle Eastern countries.

Officials said the threat to these nations came out only from Iran's fundamentalist government but also from Soviet moves towards the region's oil fields.

GOREN BRIDGE

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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦QJ7 ♦KQ52 ♦QJ5 ♦QJ2 You are the dealer. What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦KJ4 ♦A10 ♦Q98 ♦AKJ98 What is your opening bid?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦K9 ♦KQ1064 ♦A83 ♦AK1095 What is your opening bid?

Q.4—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦S3 ♦K1076 ♦K5 ♦A61095 What is your opening bid?

The bidding has proceeded:

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What do you bid now?

The bidding has proceeded:

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What do you bid now?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K762 ♦10932 ♦J854 ♦K6 Parter opens the bidding with one no trump. What action do you take?

Q.6—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:

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